Judicial accountability

*115. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether after introducing a new method of performance appraisal of IAS Officers, Government has decided to enact a law to ensure accountability of judges and discipline the erring judicial officers as part of its efforts to reform the administration;

(b) if so, the whether these changes would be brought by making certain amendments in the Judges Inquiry Act, 1968;

(c) if so, whether this enactment of law would be required before amendment to the Constitution; and

(d) if so, whether Government are also considering to bring the constitutional amendment on the accountability and removal of judges, if found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE(SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Government proposes to set up a National Judicial Council which will receive complaints against the Judges and conduct investigation as to whether the complaint is frivolous, vexatious or is not made in good faith or whether there are sufficient ground for investigation into the complaint.

The Judicial Officers are governed by the conduct rules as made applicable by the respective State Governments to which their services belong to.

(b) to (d) The modalities for setting up of the National Judicial Council, in consultation with all the stake holders, are being worked out.

Empowerment of women

*116. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the recently released Report of the World Economic Forum, titled "Women's Empowerment: measuring